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### IMMUNITY GRANTED MINERS BY PALMER

Attorney General Gives Reason for Withholding Evidence in Sims Case.

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Order to Obey His Guarantee Led to Resignation of Attorney.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., Oct. 14.—Attorney General Palmer to-day attempted an explanation of his reasons for ordering District Attorney Daniel W. Sims at Indianapolis to refrain from using all available evidence against officials of the United Mine Workers who are soon to come to trial on charges of violating the Lever act. It was because of Palmer's order that Sims resigned several days ago.

In his formal statement of his side of the case to-day the Attorney-General reveals that he granted to the officials of the miners' union immunity from further prosecution when they called off their strike nearly a year ago, despite the fact that at the time Mr. Palmer called the strike a violation of the law.

Mr. Palmer said that while the miners were enjoined, President John L. Lewis and Secretary W. Green of the United Mine Workers came to Washington and agreed to a proposal by President Wilson that they submit their demands to a commission. They returned to Indianapolis to lay this before the mine workers, but in the meantime were ordered to appear before Federal Judge Anderson to answer charges of contempt of court.

The contempt proceedings were delayed and finally dismissed on motion of the Government, but Judge Anderson said he would ask a special Grand Jury to investigate as to whether miners and operators had not conspired to violate the Lever act. He did this.

"I told him," said Mr. Palmer, referring to Judge Anderson, "that the Government would, of course, cooperate in this situation and directed my special assistants on the ground to take charge of the investigation with the proviso, however, of which I apprised Judge Anderson, that the facts which were the basis of the contempt proceedings should not be used either in the Grand Jury proceedings or in the trial against defendant miners."

Mr. Palmer said he did this because the miners had complied with the restraining order and that he was unwilling they should be punished in another proceeding for the same offense. He says Mr. Sims understood this and quotes a letter written to him on the subject.

**FRENCH NAVAL HEROES DECORATED BY U. S.**

Ambassador Wallace Distributes Over 100 Medals.

PARIS, Oct. 14.—The first United States naval decorations ever distributed abroad were conferred to-day by Ambassador Wallace on more than 100 French naval officers. Among them were Vice-Admiral Lacaze, former Minister of Marine; Vice-Admiral Roncharch, commander of the French mines who were the heroes of the great fight at Dixmude in 1914, and Vice-Admiral Jaures, brother of Jean Jaures, the great Socialist leader.

The ceremony took place in the garden of the Ambassador's residence. A military band played the American and French national hymns as the officers drew up to receive the Distinguished Service Medal and the Distinguished Service Cross of the United States Navy in the presence of Andre Fèvre, French Minister of War, and M. Landry, Minister of Marine.

"I cannot adequately express to you the gratitude we feel for what you have done for our sister services, whose historical friendship dates from the time of De Grasse and Lafayette," Ambassador Wallace said.

M. Landry said that all France would feel deeply the signal honor conferred upon her officers.

**SATURDAY 'TRANSCRIPT' 5 CTS.**

Boston, Oct. 14.—The Boston Evening Transcript announced to-day that beginning October 16 the price of its Saturday edition would be 5 cents. All editions have sold for 2 cents for nearly forty years. The growth in the proportions of the week end issue, and the effort and expense involved, were said to be the reasons for altering the price at this time.

### BRITISH MINERS VOTE TO STRIKE

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with the miners. Essential food production, transport, lighting and other utilities are reported to be well stocked up with coal. Other industries, like the textile trades, engineering works and metal makers, are reported to be ready to close down their plants immediately, throwing the burden on the whole country.

Cotton manufacturers voted to-day to stop work on Saturdays and Mondays for a month, affecting 150,000 operatives. Under such circumstances the Government undoubtedly expects a short and sharp fight and to win.

It is probable that exports will be cut off immediately as soon as the strike becomes effective, thus accentuating an American invasion of European coal markets which hitherto have been exclusively British. The sale of American coal in Paris is being played up much here. Therefore, if the strike lasts very long the British miners undoubtedly will appeal to their American brethren to stop coal exports from the United States. The importance of exports in the entire scheme was well shown in Premier Lloyd George's brief letter to-night.

A "Trade Unionist," writing in the Chronicle of the vote of the miners to strike, said: "Let there be no mistake about the question at issue. This latest demand for higher wages is mere camouflage. What the miners' leaders really want is the 'mines for the miners'—and for nobody else."

"They are out to destroy what they call the 'capitalistic evil' and to put up in its stead a selfish industrial autocracy. By a series of threats and agitations, engineered by extremists who have no use for a democratic ballot box, the miners and pit boys have already pushed up their earnings to a greater percentage than any other class of manual workers."

"Before the war the miner worked eight hours a day for an average weekly wage of about 25s. He now works seven hours and the average weekly wage (reckoning men and boys together) is not less than 44 1/2s."

The National Union of Manufacturers sent out inquiries to leading firms asking what would be the effect of a miners' strike upon their respective industries. More than 2,000 replies were received, indicating that 3,256,000 workers would be unemployed at the end of four weeks' coal strike.

**REPARATIONS HARMONY BROUGHT BY BELGIAN**  
Premier Reconciled British and French Viewpoints.

BRUSSELS, Oct. 14.—Premier Delacroix, according to an interview in the Nation Belge, is well satisfied with the results of his recent visit to England, when he discussed German reparations with Premier Lloyd George.

"It was necessary to reconcile the French and British viewpoints," Premier Delacroix declared, "and my intervention was favorably received in London. The reparations commission will assemble in Brussels to deliberate. In the presence of two experts, and its findings will have to receive the approval of the Governments interested. Great Britain has accepted this proposal. If it is everywhere accepted the meeting of the reparations commission will not be delayed."

"Premier Lloyd George's contention is that the Allies must first allow Germany to recover, to carry on trade and to export. When her industries and commerce have recovered she will be able to make purchases and pay us what she owes without risking a catastrophe."

The British Premier believes the Germans will carry out more willingly an agreement in which they have had a share in framing. Germans will probably be admitted at the proposed Brussels conference. They may also share in the deliberations of the Supreme Council.

PARIS, Oct. 14.—Abandonment by the reparations commission of the task assigned to it by the treaty of Versailles is the principal feature of the compromise adopted during the conferences between Premiers Delacroix and Lloyd George of Belgium and Great Britain, says the Petit Parisien. The commission was charged with the work of fixing the amount of the German indemnity and the matter of payment, but in future, the newspaper says, it will probably sit only in a consultative capacity.

**2 SLAYERS HANGED IN CHICAGO**

CHICAGO, Oct. 14.—Frank Camplone and James H. Reese, murderers, were hanged here to-day, and Frank Zagar, another slayer, will be hanged to-morrow. Reprieves were granted ten other men sentenced to be hanged to-day or to-morrow.

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### REAL ESTATE MEN TO AVOID STATE CONTROL

Passage of Brokers' Licensing Bill Is Urged.

ROCHESTER, Oct. 14.—A plea for self-regulation by real estate men of their business and announcement that the brokers' licensing bill, which failed at the last regular session of the Legislature, again would be introduced at the next session were made by James Frank

of New York city, president of the New York Real Estate Association, at its seventeenth annual convention, which opened here to-day.

"Our business is being regulated by the Government," said Mr. Frank in the course of his report as chairman of the committee on legislation. "If we do not attempt to regulate our business ourselves, they will regulate it for us."

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